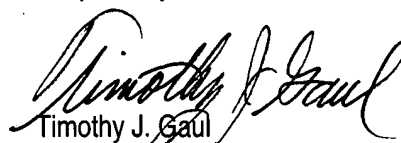


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Support for Amendments. The amendment to page 1 merely adds the cross-reference, which was previously requested in the Transmittal Letter. The amendments to the Sequence Listing merely adds feature information. All of such information added to the Sequence Listing was taken from the specification. The remaining amendments to the specification correct the sequence numbering. Thus, the amendments are supported in the specification as originally filed and no new matter is added to the specification.

Conclusion. In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request entry of all amendments and allowance of all claims.

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